

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2015

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering January 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, there were 558,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 13,600 from December 2014 and 1,200 less than the number employed in January 2014.

Agricultural employment was 38,800 persons in January 2015, down 3,000 from the December 2014 level and 5,000 less than the January 2014 agricultural employment level of 43,800. Non-agricultural employment was 519,400 persons in January 2015. This is a decrease of 10,600 from the December 2014 non-agriculture employment level of 530,000 but 3,800 more than January 2014.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2015 was 4.9 percent. This is an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the December 2014 rate of 3.4 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the January 2014 level of 4.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 5,200 to 586,800 persons in January 2015 from 592,000 persons in December 2014. This is 100 more than the January 2014 labour force of 586,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 68.4 percent in January 2015 from 69.1 percent in December 2014. The January 2014 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 28,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2015. This is an increase of 8,400 from December 2014 and is 1,300 more than the number unemployed in January 2014.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 566,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2015, down 8,400 from the December 2014 level of 575,000 and is down 400 from the January 2014 employment level of 567,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2015 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the December 2014 rate of 3.7 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the January 2014 rate of 4.3 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 225,900 persons in January 2015 to 17,540,000 persons from 17,765,900 persons in December 2014. In January 2014, there were 17,408,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.8 percentage points in January 2015 to 7.0 percent from the December 2014 level of 6.2 percent. In January 2014, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.6 percent in January 2015. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than December 2014 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the January 2014 level of 7.0 percent.

Past labour force estimates have been revised to account for the incorporation of 2011 Census data into the population estimates. This labour force report is not directly comparable to past reports.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	January <u>2015</u>	December <u>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b>CANADA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,852.6	18,943.3	18,805.4	-90.7	47.2
Employed ('000)	17,540.0	17,765.9	17,408.8	-225.9	131.2
Full-Time ('000)	13,994.8	14,240.0	13,879.9	-245.2	114.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,545.2	3,525.9	3,528.9	19.3	16.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,312.6	1,177.4	1,396.6	135.2	-84.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.2	7.4	0.8	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.7	7.0	-0.1	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	64.7	65.1	65.2	-0.4	-0.5
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	586.8	592.0	586.7	-5.2	0.1
Employed ('000)	558.2	571.8	559.4	-13.6	-1.2
Full-Time ('000)	453.5	466.5	456.7	-13.0	-3.2
Part-Time ('000)	104.7	105.3	102.7	-0.6	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	28.6	20.2	27.3	8.4	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	3.4	4.7	1.5	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	3.7	4.3	0.8	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	69.1	69.3	-0.7	-0.9
<b>ALBERTA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,397.1	2,399.9	2,326.1	-2.8	71.0
Employed ('000)	2,286.1	2,293.1	2,217.4	-7.0	68.7
Full-Time ('000)	1,901.5	1,904.3	1,846.4	-2.8	55.1
Part-Time ('000)	384.6	388.8	371.0	-4.2	13.6
Unemployed ('000)	111.0	106.8	108.7	4.2	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	4.7	0.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.5	4.7	4.6	-0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.1	72.3	71.8	-0.2	0.3
<b>MANITOBA</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	667.4	665.1	654.0	2.3	13.4
Employed ('000)	627.2	632.3	617.3	-5.1	9.9
Full-Time ('000)	505.9	510.9	491.2	-5.0	14.7
Part-Time ('000)	121.3	121.3	126.1	0.0	-4.8
Unemployed ('000)	40.2	32.9	36.7	7.3	3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	4.9	5.6	1.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	5.4	5.6	0.6	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	67.8	67.4	0.1	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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**TABLE 2**  
**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<u>January 2015</u>	<u>December 2014</u>	<u>January 2014</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<b>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</b>	<b>586.8</b>	<b>592.0</b>	<b>586.7</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Male	317.0	320.2	319.7	-3.2	-2.7
Female	269.8	271.7	267.0	-1.9	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	85.8	88.6	87.7	-2.8	-1.9
25+ Years of age	501.0	503.3	499.0	-2.3	2.0
<b>EMPLOYED ('000)</b>	<b>558.2</b>	<b>571.8</b>	<b>559.4</b>	<b>-13.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
Male	300.3	308.1	303.2	-7.8	-2.9
Female	257.9	263.7	256.2	-5.8	1.7
15-24 Years of Age	78.1	83.4	80.7	-5.3	-2.6
25+ Years of age	480.1	488.4	478.7	-8.3	1.4
<b>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Male	16.7	12.1	16.5	4.6	0.2
Female	11.9	8.1	10.8	3.8	1.1
15-24 Years of Age	7.7	5.3	7.0	2.4	0.7
25+ Years of age	20.9	14.9	20.3	6.0	0.6
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Male	5.3	3.8	5.2	1.5	0.1
Female	4.4	3.0	4.0	1.4	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	9.0	6.0	8.0	3.0	1.0
25+ Years of age	4.2	3.0	4.1	1.2	0.1
<b>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Male	73.4	74.2	75.0	-0.8	-1.6
Female	63.4	63.9	63.5	-0.5	-0.1
15-24 Years of Age	62.3	64.2	63.0	-1.9	-0.7
25+ Years of age	69.6	70.0	70.5	-0.4	-0.9

**TABLE 3**  
**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b>INDUSTRY ('000)</b>					
Agriculture	38.8	41.8	43.8	-3.0	-5.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	28.1	29.1	27.1	-1.0	1.0
Utilities	6.4	6.4	5.9	0.0	0.5
Construction	52.6	55.3	50.6	-2.7	2.0
Manufacturing	26.0	27.0	27.9	-1.0	-1.9
Trade	82.1	85.3	85.5	-3.2	-3.4
Transportation and Warehousing	28.0	28.6	30.0	-0.6	-2.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.7	31.0	28.4	-0.3	2.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23.6	25.3	24.4	-1.7	-0.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.6	13.8	11.8	-0.2	1.8
Educational Services	47.3	47.0	44.1	0.3	3.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	73.8	73.8	73.5	0.0	0.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	15.6	16.3	16.2	-0.7	-0.6
Accommodation and Food Services	36.1	37.1	35.2	-1.0	0.9
Other Services	24.9	24.2	25.2	0.7	-0.3
Public Administration	30.3	29.7	29.8	0.6	0.5
Total	558.2	571.8	559.4	-13.6	-1.2
<b>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</b>					
Full-Time	453.5	466.5	456.7	-13.0	-3.2
Part-Time	104.7	105.3	102.7	-0.6	2.0
<b>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</b>					
Employees	451.7	461.8	452.3	-10.1	-0.6
Public Sector	140.5	140.0	133.1	0.5	7.4
Private Sector	311.1	321.8	319.2	-10.7	-8.1
Self-Employed	106.5	110.0	107.1	-3.5	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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**TABLE 4**  
**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b>January 2015</b>	<b>December 2014</b>	<b>January 2014</b>	<b>Change from Last Month</b>	<b>Change from Last Year</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</b>					
<b>Canada</b>	<b>17,540.0</b>	<b>17,765.9</b>	<b>17,408.8</b>	<b>-225.9</b>	<b>131.2</b>
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.3	233.2	228.4	-7.9	-3.1
Prince Edward Island	69.4	70.3	69.5	-0.9	-0.1
Nova Scotia	435.6	447.5	431.8	-11.9	3.8
New Brunswick	339.9	345.6	340.1	-5.7	-0.2
Quebec	3,976.9	4,031.1	3,975.2	-54.2	1.7
Ontario	6,767.7	6,861.1	6,728.9	-93.4	38.8
Manitoba	627.2	632.3	617.3	-5.1	9.9
Saskatchewan	558.2	571.8	559.4	-13.6	-1.2
Alberta	2,286.1	2,293.1	2,217.4	-7.0	68.7
British Columbia	2,253.6	2,280.0	2,240.8	-26.4	12.8
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</b>					
<b>Canada</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	11.3	14.6	2.2	-1.1
Prince Edward Island	13.2	12.9	14.2	0.3	-1.0
Nova Scotia	9.4	7.8	10.1	1.6	-0.7
New Brunswick	11.5	9.7	11.4	1.8	0.1
Quebec	8.1	7.2	8.5	0.9	-0.4
Ontario	6.9	6.5	7.5	0.4	-0.6
Manitoba	6.0	4.9	5.6	1.1	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.9	3.4	4.7	1.5	0.2
Alberta	4.6	4.5	4.7	0.1	-0.1
British Columbia	6.0	4.9	6.9	1.1	-0.9

TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January 2015	December 2014	January 2014	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,886.9	17,851.5	17,759.3	35.4	127.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	237.9	237.1	241.7	0.8	-3.8
Prince Edward Island	74.1	73.1	74.2	1.0	-0.1
Nova Scotia	450.9	451.0	447.5	-0.1	3.4
New Brunswick	354.6	351.2	355.2	3.4	-0.6
Quebec	4,077.1	4,061.1	4,080.1	16.0	-3.0
Ontario	6,886.3	6,885.0	6,841.9	1.3	44.4
Manitoba	635.0	633.8	625.2	1.2	9.8
Saskatchewan	566.6	575.0	567.0	-8.4	-0.4
Alberta	2,313.9	2,300.2	2,247.0	13.7	66.9
British Columbia	2,290.6	2,283.9	2,279.7	6.7	10.9
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.6	6.7	7.0	-0.1	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.4	11.8	12.3	-0.4	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	10.2	11.1	10.9	-0.9	-0.7
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.4	8.9	0.0	-0.5
New Brunswick	10.0	10.0	10.1	0.0	-0.1
Quebec	7.4	7.5	7.5	-0.1	-0.1
Ontario	6.9	7.0	7.4	-0.1	-0.5
Manitoba	6.0	5.4	5.6	0.6	0.4
Saskatchewan	4.5	3.7	4.3	0.8	0.2
Alberta	4.5	4.7	4.6	-0.2	-0.1
British Columbia	5.6	5.5	6.4	0.1	-0.8

TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**  
**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	January <u>2015</u>	December <u>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</b>					
St. John's	5.7	5.3	6	0.4	-0.3
Halifax	6.1	5.9	6.6	0.2	-0.5
Saint John	8.4	7.2	6.1	1.2	2.3
Quebec	5.2	4.7	4.1	0.5	1.1
Montreal	7.6	7.5	7.8	0.1	-0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.6	5.8	6.3	0.8	0.3
Toronto	7.1	7.3	7.7	-0.2	-0.6
Greater Sudbury	5.4	5	6.4	0.4	-1.0
Winnipeg	5.7	5.1	5.4	0.6	0.3
Regina	3.9	3.4	4.2	0.5	-0.3
Saskatoon	4.5	3.6	4.2	0.9	0.3
Calgary	4.4	4.5	4.4	-0.1	0.0
Edmonton	4.4	4.3	5.1	0.1	-0.7
Vancouver	5.6	5.6	5.9	0.0	-0.3
Victoria	4.8	4.8	5.2	0.0	-0.4
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b>ECONOMIC REGIONS</b>					
<b>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	181.2	183.1	177.7	-1.9	3.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.0	52.7	52.5	0.3	0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	196.9	198.6	194.8	-1.7	2.1
Yorkton-Melville	38.7	39.6	39.2	-0.9	-0.5
Prince Albert & Northern	97.1	99.9	98.1	-2.8	-1.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY  
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**  
(3 Month Moving Average)

	January <u>2015</u>	December <u>2014</u>	January <u>2014</u>	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	589.5	592.9	587.2	-3.4	2.3
Employed ('000)	566.9	573.8	563.4	-6.9	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	22.6	19.1	23.8	3.5	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	3.2	4.0	0.6	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.2	69.4	-0.4	-0.6
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	67.0	66.6	-0.9	-0.5
<b>NON-aboriginal</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	541.6	545.0	537.3	-3.4	4.3
Employed ('000)	523.0	529.8	518.9	-6.8	4.1
Unemployed ('000)	18.6	15.2	18.4	3.4	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	2.8	3.4	0.6	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.9	69.7	-0.5	-0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.0	68.0	67.4	-1.0	-0.4
<b>aboriginal</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	47.9	47.9	49.9	0.0	-2.0
Employed ('000)	43.9	43.9	44.5	0.0	-0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	3.9	5.3	0.2	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.2	10.7	0.3	-2.2
Participation Rate (%)	62.6	62.6	66.3	0.0	-3.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	57.4	59.2	-0.1	-1.9
<b>FIRST NATIONS</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18.4	18.1	18.7	0.3	-0.3
Employed ('000)	15.8	15.6	15.7	0.2	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.5	2.9	0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.2	13.9	15.8	0.3	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	57.1	56.1	58.6	1.0	-1.5
Employment Rate (%)	49.0	48.3	49.3	0.7	-0.3
<b>MÉTIS</b>					
Labour Force ('000)	29.5	29.7	31.2	-0.2	-1.7
Employed ('000)	28.0	28.4	28.8	-0.4	-0.8
Unemployed ('000)	1.4	1.4	2.4	0.0	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.6	7.7	0.3	-2.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.4	71.8	-0.5	-4.9
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	64.3	66.3	-0.7	-2.7

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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